

Park It!

REDUCE YOUR SUMMER VACATION WASTE BY
TRAVELING SMART & STAYING LOCAL FOR HOMETOWN FUN

at work

■ Start a Carpool

Carpooling even 1 day a week can make a difference. Consider riding to work with one or more coworkers that live near you, or meet at a central location and continue on to work together.

■ Set up a Conference Call

Planning a meeting? Set up a conference call so those who need to attend the meeting can telecommute; eliminating the need to drive.

■ Bring Your Lunch or Take a Walk

Instead of driving to get lunch, bring your lunch to work or walk to a local eating establishment. Los Gatos has many great restaurants and cafes that are within walking distance of the Town offices.

Hometown Fun for the Whole Family

The Town of Los Gatos sponsors several activities and events throughout the year. This summer, we invite you to join in the fun!

2nd Saturdays: Support your local businesses and reduce your shopping "carbon footprint" by joining us on: **June 13 ♦ July 11 ♦ August 8** and enjoy special offers at over 100 shops, restaurants, spas and wineries! Featuring FREE valet parking and pedi-cab rides. Visit our website: <http://www.losgatoschamber.com/SecondSaturdays.html> for more details.

Music in the Park: Beginning on Sunday, June 21st, join the Town of Los Gatos Arts Commission on the Civic Center front lawn for live music on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm. This year, MIP is striving to become a "zero-waste" event, learn more at: www.losgatosca.gov/MIP

Los Gatos Celebrates the 4th of July: Join us on Saturday, July 4th from 11am – 5:30pm at the Civic Center and Los Gatos High School front lawns for an exciting day full of games, music, food and entertainment. For a schedule of the day's events visit: www.losgatosca.gov/4thofjuly

at home

■ Use Fuel Efficiently

There are many ways to insure that your car is using fuel as efficiently as possible. For example, keep it tuned and well maintained, don't overload the trunk with extra weight and slow down.

According to www.fueleconomy.gov, fuel efficiency decreases with every 5mph traveled over 60mph, adding approximately .24 cents per gallon to the cost of traveling.



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Head to a local park for your next party, play date or BBQ. The Town of Los Gatos has several beautiful parks with great amenities such as playgrounds, picnic tables, BBQ pits and sports facilities. For park information, visit www.losgatosca.gov/parksandtrails.

■ Recreate Locally

Instead of traveling out of town, enjoy a little local entertainment. Cruise Farmer's Market, join a friend for lunch at a local café, go shopping downtown or attend a community event. Summertime is a great time to be in Los Gatos. For more information about Town sponsored events in Los Gatos, visit www.losgatosca.gov or pick up a local newspaper for information about other local activities.

Visit these links to learn more about traveling smart this summer

- www.fueleconomy.gov
- <http://www.epa.gov/waste/aging/travel.pdf>
- <http://greenlivingideas.com/eco-vacationing/eco-summer-travel-guide>

